

# FISCAL NOTE

## SB 876 - HB 1257

February 21, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Includes radiation-caused occupational diseases that an employee had prior to July 1, 2005, that are covered by the Energy Employees Occupational Injury Compensation Program Act, Parts (B), (D) and (E), under the Workers' Compensation Law.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000**

**Increase Local Govt Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000\***

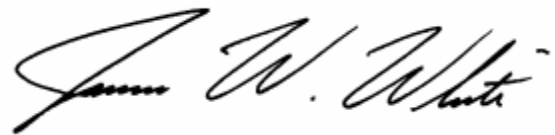
Assumptions:

- State and local government employees who have developed radiation-related diseases prior to July 1, 2005, will be eligible for compensation either directly or through exacerbation of another condition for which state or local government is liable under the Workers' Compensation Law.
- Although comparatively rare, a claim for a radiation-related disease is likely to be expensive.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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